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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 OAKLAND DIVISION

13 “AMY,” *et al.*,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 RANDALL STEVEN CURTIS,

16 Defendant.

Case No. 19 Cv 2184 PJH

REPLY DECLARATION OF ETHAN A.
BALOGH IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT
CURTIS’S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON
THE PLEADINGS, SUMMARY JUDGMENT,
AND/OR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Trial: June 21, 2021

Before the Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton
Senior United States District Judge

1 I, ETHAN A. BALOGH, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

2 1. I am a partner at the law firm of Coleman & Balogh LLP, am admitted to practice
3 before this Court, and represent Defendant Randall Curtis in this case. I state the following on
4 personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, could competently testify to the facts presented in
5 this declaration.

6 2. On October 29, 2020, the last day on which a party could propound fact discovery,
7 I served upon Plaintiffs—by electronic mail, as agreed upon by the parties—Defendant’s Request
8 for Production of Documents, Set Two. Those requested were aimed at obtaining documents
9 Plaintiffs exchanged with members of Congress with respect to their years-long efforts to have
10 Congress amend the statute, and then amend it again. Attached hereto as Exhibit F¹ is a true and
11 correct copy of Plaintiffs’ enclosure email and the appended responses to Defendant’s Request for
12 Production of Documents, Set Two (“RFPs Set Two”).² (Although Plaintiffs’ counsel then wrote,
13 “[i]n the interests of getting these to you today, here they are without the Cert [sic] of Service.
14 We will amend and re send to you on Monday[,]” Plaintiffs did not follow through as promised.)

15 3. I contend that Plaintiffs’ presentations regarding their desire to change the statute is
16 relevant to this case. *See* ECF 142 at 12:9-13:18³ (arguing against bills of attainder); *see also id.*,
17 at 10:11-17:10 (arguing that the presumption against retroactivity makes the predecessor version
18 of the statute—“Masha’s law”—applicable to Defendant, rather than the current version of the
19 statute that was amended in 2018, *viz.*, *after* Defendant’s conduct, *after* Defendant’s conviction,
20 *after* Plaintiffs received notice that Defendant may have possessed images of Plaintiffs, and *after*
21 Plaintiffs had raised claims against Defendant. Plaintiffs and their counsel have stated in multiple
22 for a that were instrumental in amending the statute with respect to Masha’s law, and then

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24 ¹ For ease of reference, I continue the sequential lettering of exhibits to be considered at
25 the dispositive motions hearings, the most recent of which being ECF 96-3.

26 ² The parties agreed to the form of RFPs Set Two so that Defendant could direct each
27 request at all 15 Plaintiffs on one pleading, and Plaintiffs thereafter could respond to each of the
28 requests on each Plaintiff’s behalf in one pleading.

³ I cite to the ECF-generated page numbers when referencing filings on this Court’s
docket.

amending it again with respect to the current version of the statute, and this evidence includes the following:

James R. Marsh, *Masha's Law: A Federal Civil Remedy for ChildPornography Crimes*, 61 Syracuse L. Rev. 459, 461 (2011) (Plaintiffs' counsel declaring: "In late 2005, I was instrumental in enhancing the federal civil legal rights of children who are victims of child pornography" and claiming credit for enactment of Masha's Law);

ECF 94-5 (Declaration of James Marsh claiming that "[i]n 2017, I assisted Senator Diane Feinstein in updating 18 U.S.C. 2255")[:] and

ECF 96-2 at Ex. 16 (at AMY000060) (In 2014, Plaintiff Amy lamenting her (and her counsel's loss) in *Paroline v. United States*, 572 U.S. 434 (2014), ane expressing "hopes [that] the lingering problems will be solved by the legislation that Mr. Marsh is working on."

4. When Plaintiffs' responses to Defendant's RFPs Set Two came due on Monday, December 1, 2020, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, Plaintiffs neither responded substantively, issued objections, nor produced responsive documents. When, in January 2021, I inquired of Plaintiffs' counsel regarding the long-overdue discovery, Plaintiffs' counsel suggested that I did not respond to an email query about the RFPs following their service, that email from Plaintiffs' counsel somehow excused Plaintiffs' obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34. After conference, Plaintiffs refused to provide *any* responsive documents, and instead presented responses containing the following objections for each Plaintiff:

Objection: beyond the scope of permissible discovery as not likely to lead to any admissible evidence; violative of Plaintiffs' First Amendment rights to petition Congress as the compelled disclosure of communications as requested exerts a chilling effect on the exercise of those rights. Further, Defendant's request is violative of California Code of Civil Procedure 425.16 which prohibits actions "... against a person arising from any act of that person in furtherance of the person's right of petition or free speech under the United States Constitution or the California constitution in connection with a public issue . .

5. On February 4, I provided to Plaintiffs a draft of my portion of a Joint Discovery Brief to be filed before Magistrate Judge Illman. I have not heard back from Plaintiffs' counsel

1 on this issue as of this time. When I had suggested to Plaintiffs' counsel Carol Hepburn that we
2 prepare and file the joint discovery brief by Tuesday, February 1, Ms. Hepburn responded: "I
3 cannot confirm filing a joint discovery brief by Tuesday given the depositions on Monday and
4 Tuesday and other obligations particularly family obligations. We can work on a schedule."

5 6. As set forth in my prior filing, on January 19, 2021, I served Government counsel,
6 Assistant United States Attorney Shailika Kotiya, with Defendant's Motion for Judgment on the
7 Pleadings, or in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment or Partial Summary Judgment, as well as
8 the supporting declaration I filed with the Court that day. AUSA Kotiya acknowledged receipt of
9 those filings in an email she sent to me the next day.

10 7. On January 19, 2021, I received from the ECF System a copy set the publicly-filed,
11 redacted versions of Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' counsel did not serve me a copy of the unredacted
12 versions. The publicly-filed documents do not, as far as I can see, certify service upon the
13 defense. On Saturday, January 23, I asked Plaintiffs' counsel to provide a copy of the unredacted
14 filings they made with this Court, and Plaintiffs' counsel John Kawai provided thereafter what he
15 asserted was an unredacted copy of the Plaintiffs' Motion to Summary Judgment and supporting
16 materials. As I informed Plaintiffs' counsel multiple times between January 27 and January 30—
17 including in a telephone call with Plaintiffs' counsel Deb Bianco on January 30 (in which I
18 lamented the lack of response)—Plaintiffs *still* have not provided me with a complete, unredacted
19 copy of their January 19 filings, and the January 23 version is incomplete, and appears to be an
20 internal document as opposed to a complete service copy of Plaintiffs' January 19, 2021 filing
21 with this Court.

22 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Dr. Hy
23 Malinek, which I produced to Plaintiffs' counsel with respect to expert discovery disclosures in
24 this case. Plaintiffs' counsel subsequently deposed Dr. Malinek on January 25, 2021. Attached
25 hereto as Exhibit H is a follow up letter from Dr. Malinek regarding the same issues.

26 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of Kristof, Nicholas, *An*
27 *Uplifting Update, on the Terrible World of Pornhub*, New York Times, Dec. 9, 2020
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1 As of today, this article may also be obtained via the internet at:

2 <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/09/opinion/pornhub-news-child->

3 [abuse.html?referringSource=articleShare](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/09/opinion/pornhub-news-child-abuse.html?referringSource=articleShare). Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy
4 of Kristof, Nicholas, *The Children of Pornhub*, New York Times, Dec. 4, 2020. As of today, this
5 article may also be obtained from the internet at:

6 <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/04/opinion/sunday/pornhub-rape-trafficking.html>.

7 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit K is a true and correct copy of the First Amended
8 Complaint from the Eastern District of Wisconsin case captioned *Amy, et al. v. Feldman*, 14 Cv.
9 721 NJ.

10 11. The social media photographs presented at ECF 142-4, Ex. C-3 at Laws Depo Ex.
11 000309-318 are Plaintiffs in this case. I do not describe identify them further here to protect
12 Plaintiffs' privacy. I can also attest that at least five Plaintiffs in this case have significant social
13 media presences, and that their social media accounts included photographs of themselves,
14 including portraits; in addition, some Plaintiffs' partners post publicly pictures of Plaintiffs and
15 pictures of Plaintiffs' children.

16 I declare that the foregoing is true and correct under penalty of perjury under the laws of
17 the United States.

18 Dated: February 5, 2021

19 /s/ E A Balogh
20 ETHAN A. BALOGH